(a) whether the flow of foreign investment in core/lead sector and infrastructural activity is much below the anticipated target and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the strategic policy being worked out to attract more foreign investment in core/lead sectors; and

(c) the specific steps proposed to attract foreign investment and technologies in drugs and chemical sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. More than 80 per cent of foreign direct investment approved since the announcement of New Industrial Policy is in high priority industries (i.e. the industries listed in Annexure III of the statement on Industrial Policy of 24th July, 1991)

The statement on Industrial Policy laid on the Table of the House on 24th July, 1991, spells out various policy initiatives taken by the Government for attracting foreign direct investment in core/high priority industries including drugs and chemicals sector.

Effect of foreign capital investment on indigenous industries

3130. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous industries have been affected because of foreign capital investment under the new liberal economic policy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check this adverse effect on the industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The foreign investment and technology collaboration are intended to provide easier access to higher technology, expand the industrial production base and increase exports.

Indo-German Cooperation

3131. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the mutually beneficial areas of Industrial development, economy, science and technology covered by both sides during P M's visit to Germany;

(b) what is the trade between the two countries at present and envisaged in future with details thereof in quantum of rupees or dollar and its percentage to total trade turn over of India with all the countries.

(c) whether Germany has offered high and upto date technology for various segments of economy; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Extensive discussions were held at various levels during P M's visit on intensification of bilateral relations in the political, economic, scientific, technological and cultural fields and regional and global issues of mutual interest. During the visit, an Indo-German Business Conference was jointly addressed by PM and Chancellor Kohl whether officials and industrialists from both sides looked at ways to further enhance bilateral trade and investment and to ease restrictions. This is likely to give further impetus to German investments in India.

Decision was also taken to set up a joint mechanism to oversee cooperation in Science and Technology. A letter of intent was signed between the Fraunhofer

Society and CSIR to improve prospects for developing Applied Research on commercial basis.

(b) Germany is India's largest trading partner and the largest market for India's exports in Europe. 6 per cent of India's foreign trade is with Germany which makes it our fourth largest global trading partner. Trade figures for the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance
1990-91	2534.59	3477.42	- 942.88
1991-92	3104.55	3849.08	- 744.53
1992-93	4148.75	4776.04	- 627.29
1993-94 (Apr -Nov)	3005.37	3482.66	- 477.29

Trade is expected to grow and a number of promotional measures have been taken for achieving this objective.

(c) and (d) No specific offer of high technology was made by Germany during the visit.

Winding up of Cycle Corporation of India

3132. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4291 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1993 and state:

(a) what decision Government have taken on the the notice of winding up by the BIFR to Cycle Corporation of India;

(b) whether revival scheme has not been properly looked into; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard, alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) After hearing all the parties concerned and considering facts and circumstances of the case including report of the Operating Agency, the Bench of BIFR formed a prima-facie opinion that the unit was not viable on long term basis and accordingly has issued a show cause notice to wind up Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. The notice is still unler consideration of the Government.

Closure of Public Undertakings Units

3133. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4315 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected in this regard;

(b) whether most of the Public sector units have almost come to face closure of their units due to want of funds for working capital;

(c) whether Government would not take any action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Information is still awaited from some Ministries/Deptts

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.